

* The Mayor notified the Council that the City Clerk Mr. S. W. Bradley being sick he had requested Mr. Connell to act in his place during his illness. There being no objection Mr. Connell was duly authorized to act.

Regular Meeting of City Council
Austin, Tex. February 2nd 1880.

Mayor De Gress presiding.
Roll called.

Present:— Aldermen Boardman, Tobin, Coombz, Nalle,
and Reichman.

Absent:— Aldermen Crooker, Metz, Robertson, Sheehan
and Wahrenberger.

No quorum being present, Alderman Boardman
moved that the council stand adjourned until
Tuesday at 7.30 P. M. February 3rd Carried
approved Feb 1st 80

E. Connell
Acting City Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of City Council
Austin, February 3-1880

Mayor De Gress presiding.
Roll called.

Present:— Aldermen Boardman, Coombz, Crooker
Nalle, Robertson, Reichman, Tobin, and
Wahrenberger and Sheehan.

Absent:— Alderman Metz.

* The minutes of regular meeting of January 5th and
called meeting of January 16, 1880 were read and
approved.

Petition of Philip Meyer to put up a Fairbanks
scales at the corner of old court house square.
Granted.

Petition of Mr. S. Hall, to erect a bath house on the
Colorado river, foot of Brazos street. Granted.

Petition of Saml. J. Scott to fence the tract of
land deeded to the City by Hon. C. M. Pease.
Granted.

Petition of Albert Jenkins and Abraham Blagg,
asking to have Six dollars (\$6⁰⁰) paid as found
fees refunded to them, Laid on the table.

Petition of B. J. Smith and others for a street-lamp
on the arch stone bridge on west Pecan street.
Granted.

Alderman Nalle moved to reconsider the vote by

which the petition of Sam. J. Scott was granted.

Reconsidered by the following vote.

Yeas: — Aldermen Boardman, Boardman, Crooker, Nalle, Robertson, Reichman, Sheehan, Tobin and Kahrenberger.

Carried.

Alderman Crooker moved to lay the petition on the table. Carried.

Alderman Nalle explained that if the said petition was granted, the land deeded by Gov. Pease, would revert to him.

Petition of B. Wadkey and others, to have one street lamp erected on the north-east corner of Capital square and one at the intersection of North Ave. and Brazos street. Granted.

A communication from J. Dineen, to furnish concrete cement for pavements. Referred to street committee.

Petition from A. J. Landerman and others, for the erection of a street gas lamp at the intersection of Lavaca and Walnut streets. Granted.

Reports of city marshal, city sexton, city physician and city treasurer received and ordered filed.

Hon. J. C. De Gess, Mayor.

I have the honor to call the attention of yourself and the honorable street committee that there are needed at the bridges on North Avenue and Chestnut street a lamp for each, and respectfully recommend that the one on Chestnut street be erected at once, as the bridge is very narrow.

Very respectfully your obedient servant.

J. H. Drisking,
City Engineer and Street Commissioner

Ordered placed at the points designated.

Quarterly report of the assessor and collector for the quarter ending January 31-1880. Filed.

Quarterly report of the city pound master for part of the month of January 1880. Filed.

Alderman Boardman, of the ordinance committee, reported an ordinance introduced by Alderman Robertson at the last regular meeting, to refer all bills to the council for approval, recommended.

that no further action be taken on the ordinance Report ~~report~~ adopted.

Austin, January 15, 1880
To J. C. De Gress, Mayor of the City of Austin.
Sir:

Your committee on streets and bridges have the honor to report that they examined the bids received for building a stone arch bridge over Waller creek, on Mesquit street, and find that the lowest bidder is not willing to do the work required of him according to the plans and specifications. The matter was then referred to the city engineer, whose answer is herewith submitted.

The committee in view of the above recommend that an additional appropriation be made of \$585.⁰⁰ to build said bridge.

Respectfully submitted,
Jas. Wahrenberger,
Joseph Nalle,
Street Committee.

On motion of Alderman Nalle further time was granted the committee by the following vote:

Yeas:— Aldermen Boardman, Coombz, Crooker, Nalle, Robertson, Richman, Sheehan, Tobin and Wahrenberger.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor and committee on cemetery to contract with the City Water Company for six hydrants and the laying of the required pipe thereto in the city cemetery

Read ~~second~~ time, and on motion of Alderman Wahrenberger to place the ordinance on its third reading was lost by the following vote:

Yeas:— Aldermen Coombz, Richman, Sheehan, Tobin, and Wahrenberger.

Nays:— Aldermen Boardman, Crooker, Nalle and Robertson.

Austin, Tx, January 17, 1880
To the Honorable Mayor of the City of Austin:
Having understood that the city would not be disinclined to buy the property owned by me, one-half lots 7th and 8th, of block 69, now leased to the city for the fire department until June, 1880, I would respect-

fully submit you the following proposition:

I would sell the above named property, both half lots with all thereon, to the city for the sum of \$4500.⁰⁰, taking out \$1500.⁰⁰ in city taxes and the balance in cash or its equivalent in warrants, or if desired to purchase only the upper half lot, whereon the building is situated, I would sell the same for the sum of \$3000.⁰⁰ taking out \$1000.⁰⁰ in city taxes and the balance in cash.

A private party wishes to buy the property, but recognizing the value of our efficient fire department to the property-holders of this city would give them the preference.

Respectfully,

Caroline Natschenberger

Mayor's Office

City of Austin.

January 28, 1880

Respectfully referred to Mr John Beaumont, chief of Austin fire department, requesting his opinion, as to the advisability of the city purchasing this property, especially regarding its location, etc.

J. C. De Gress, Mayor.

Austin, Tex. January 31st 1880

Hon. J. C. De Gress, Mayor:

Respectfully returned to his honor the mayor with the following report:

A matter of vital necessity to our fire department is a good fire alarm, to insure which we must have a good bell tower, centrally located. The vacant part of this property is the best location I know of for this purpose that we can now get.

Besides, the lease under which the city holds the buildings now occupied by Colorado Engine Company No 2, and Austin Hook and Ladder Company No 1, will expire before a great while, so in view of the above facts I recommend that the entire property be purchased, believing from the best information I can get, the offer of the whole is made for a fair price for the property.

John Beaumont
Chief Engineer A. F. D.

Referred to finance committee.

An ordinance appropriating seven hundred and eighty dollars (\$780.⁰⁰) to do certain work on streets in the seventh ward, together with a communication from the city engineer. Read first time, and, on motion, was referred to street committee.

An ordinance donating the cemetery lot in which are interred the remains of Policeman C. Lacey, who was killed in the honorable discharge of his duty March 10th 1875. Read first, second and third times and passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote:

Yeas: — Aldermen Boardman, Coombs, Crooker, Valle, Robertson, Reichman, Sheehan, John and Wahrnberger.

Absent: — Alderman Metz.

Petition of R. B. Smith and others, to erect an oil street lamp on the north-east corner of Land Office block.

Referred to street committee.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That the city marshal be, and is hereby, instructed to place one street lamp at the intersection of Chestnut and San Jacinto streets.

Referred to street committee.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That the city marshal require the Superintendent of the Blind Asylum, to have a dry well sunk and kept in repair at the terminus of the sewer leading from the Blind Asylum and ending on block left in division E.

Referred to ~~street~~ board of health.

A communication from Charles S. Parnell and John Dillow, of Irish famine relief fund, asking the formation of a relief committee to obtain funds.

Alderman Crooker moved that a committee consisting of the mayor, and three Aldermen and seven citizens be appointed by the Mayor to take measures for soliciting funds. Carried.

The mayor appointed L. M. Crooker, J. V. Sheehan and James Wahrnberger, on the part of the Aldermen, and the following citizens:

Rev. C. B. Wright, Rev. D. J. Spillard, Messrs A. Neil, Walter Lips, Peter Smith, James Neill and James Nolan.

An ordinance to amend article 498 of the revised ordinances, Read first, second and third times, under the suspension of the rules, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas: - Aldermen Boardman, Coombz, Crocker, Nalle, Reichman, Sheehan and Tobin.

Nays: - Aldermen Robertson and Warneberger.

Alderman Nalle moved that a committee of three aldermen be appointed by the Mayor to inquire into and report to the council the most advantageous way of lighting the street lamps of the city.

Carried.

The mayor appointed the finance committee.

The bill of the Austin Gas Light and Coal Company being brought before the council, motion was made that the finance committee approve the same.

Carried.

Proposal of Wm. Walsh and Co. to furnish the city with lime. Received and on motion, the mayor was authorized to advertise for proposals to furnish the city with lime by the barrel for the coming season.

An ordinance authorizing the mayor to appoint a suitable person to take charge of and work the city prisoners. Read first time, and, on motion, was referred to the police committee.

There being no further business, on motion, the council adjourned.

O. J. O'Connell
Acting City Clerk.

Approved Mel 1st 1880